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Mr. Roger G. Seely
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Dear Mr. Seely:

As the work of your agency often goes unappreciated, I should like you to know how extremely important your rapid translation and prompt retransmission of Eastern European, especially Czech, broadcasts were to me during the recent Security Council sessions.

You may already have seen my telegram reporting that the Czech Mission here had found the material of great value. It was fully as useful to the United States Mission. Your radio information persistently reached us much earlier than diplomatic and press reporting; and because it also contained detailed information about local events and verbatim statements of key officials, it provided us insights we otherwise would not have had. In a number of instances in the Security Council, I used your material directly from the ticker within minutes after its receipt. Largely because of this information, we were consistently better informed than any other delegation in the United Nations.

I understand from the staff here that FBIS material was also of great value during the Middle East crisis of last year.

With appreciation for your support,

Sincerely yours,

George W. Ball
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